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- Samuel Johnson (1758)

THE FIRST "HOLOCAUST DENIERS"???
THE NAZIS...

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He was quoted as saying that characterization of these "delousing devices as death chambers was just one more example of the old American propaganda favorite, the atrocity story."

He failed to mention the number of bodies of gas victims found near the death camps.

The Herald News, April 9, 1945, p. 18

The Basics of War Propaganda

Once a liar...

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The Belgian children's hands hacked off (1915)

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The Austro-Balgar gas chambers in Serbia (1916)

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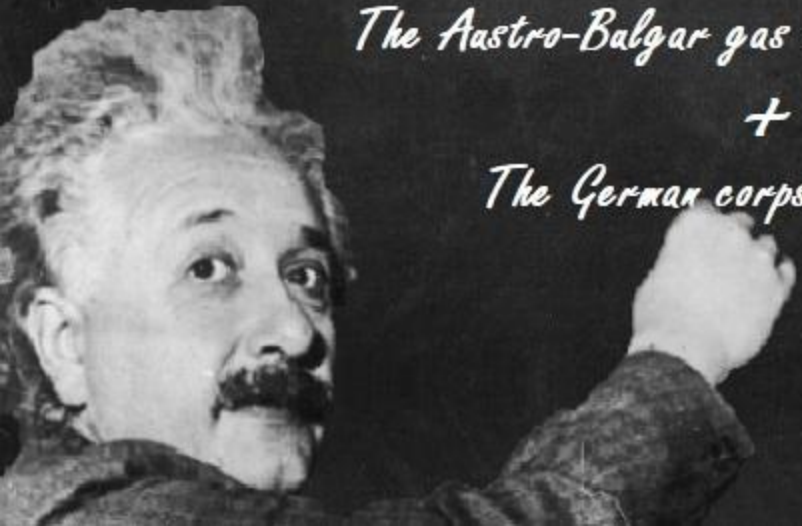
The German corpse factories (1917)



DIFFERENT TIME, SAME LIES

WW1 propaganda

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Irish rebellion of 1641

Graphic descriptions of atrocities allegedly committed by Irish Catholics against English Protestants (fabricated by the English press in the 17th century)

WW1 anti-German propaganda poster

And Once a Liar...

In the first World War British propaganda had to invent the stories of German soldiers bayoneting Belgian babies, because there were too few real atrocities to feed the hatred against the enemy.

(Erich Fromm)

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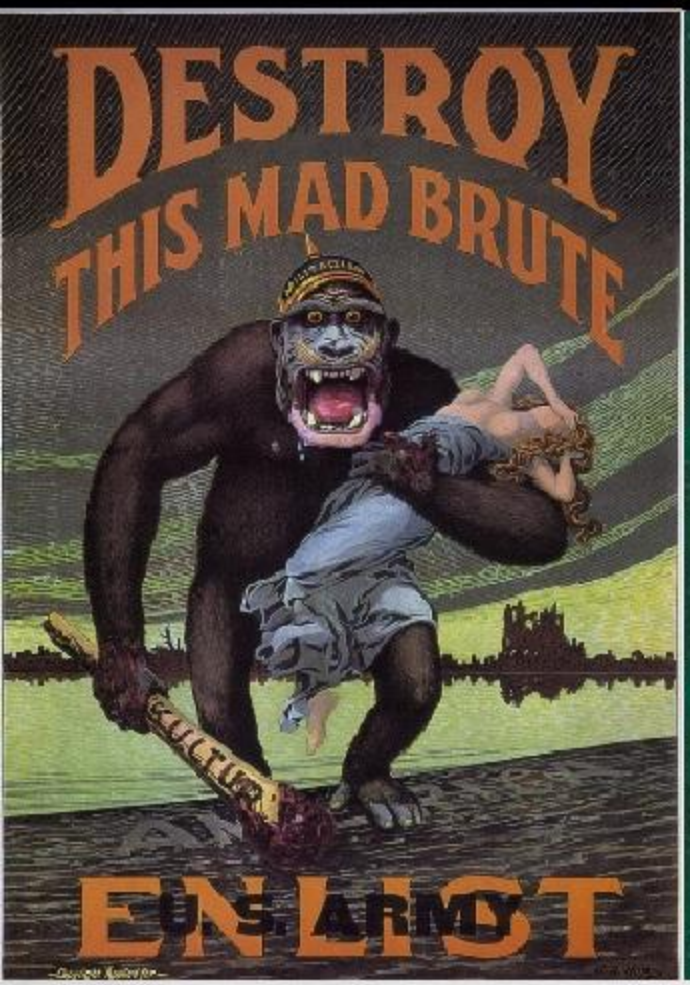
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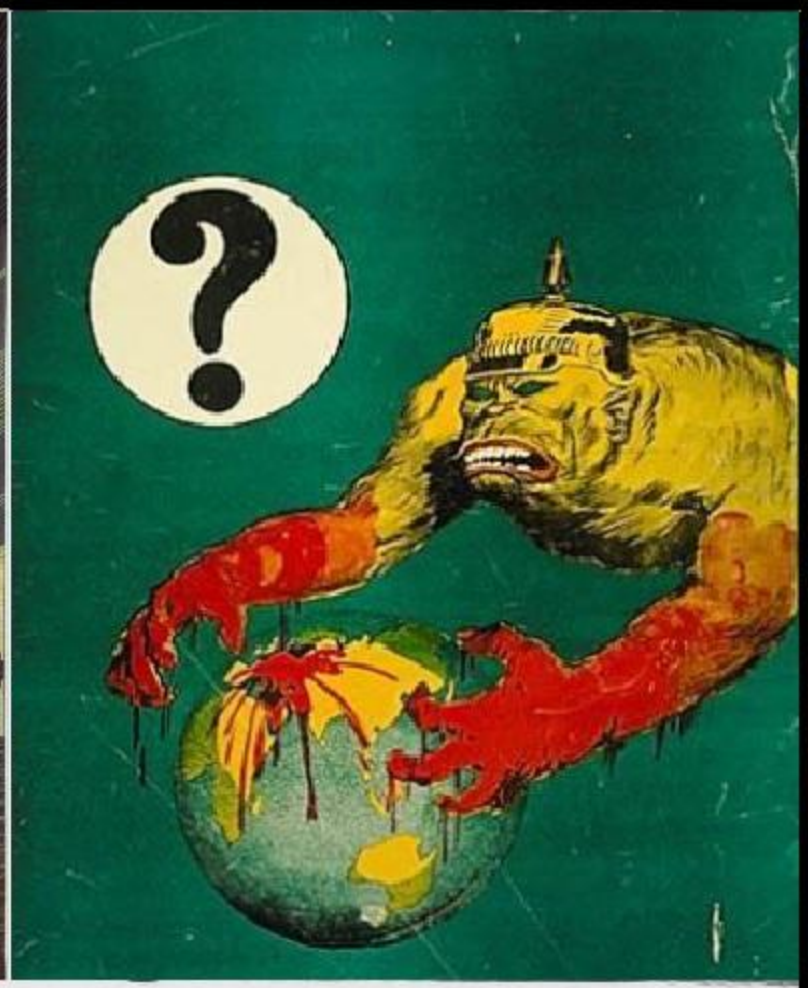
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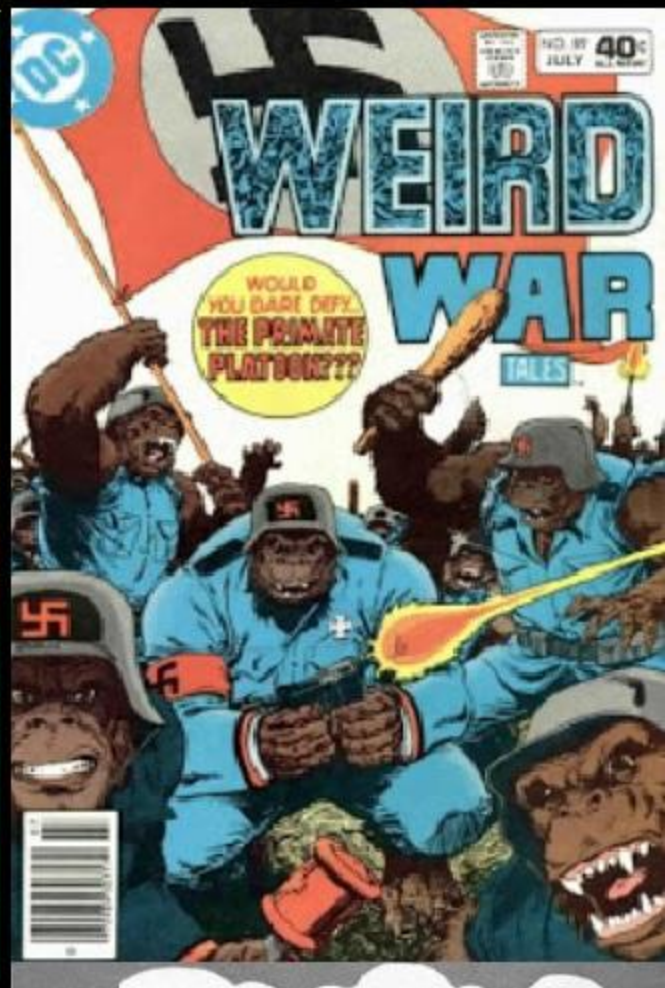
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WWI ATROCITY PROPAGANDA
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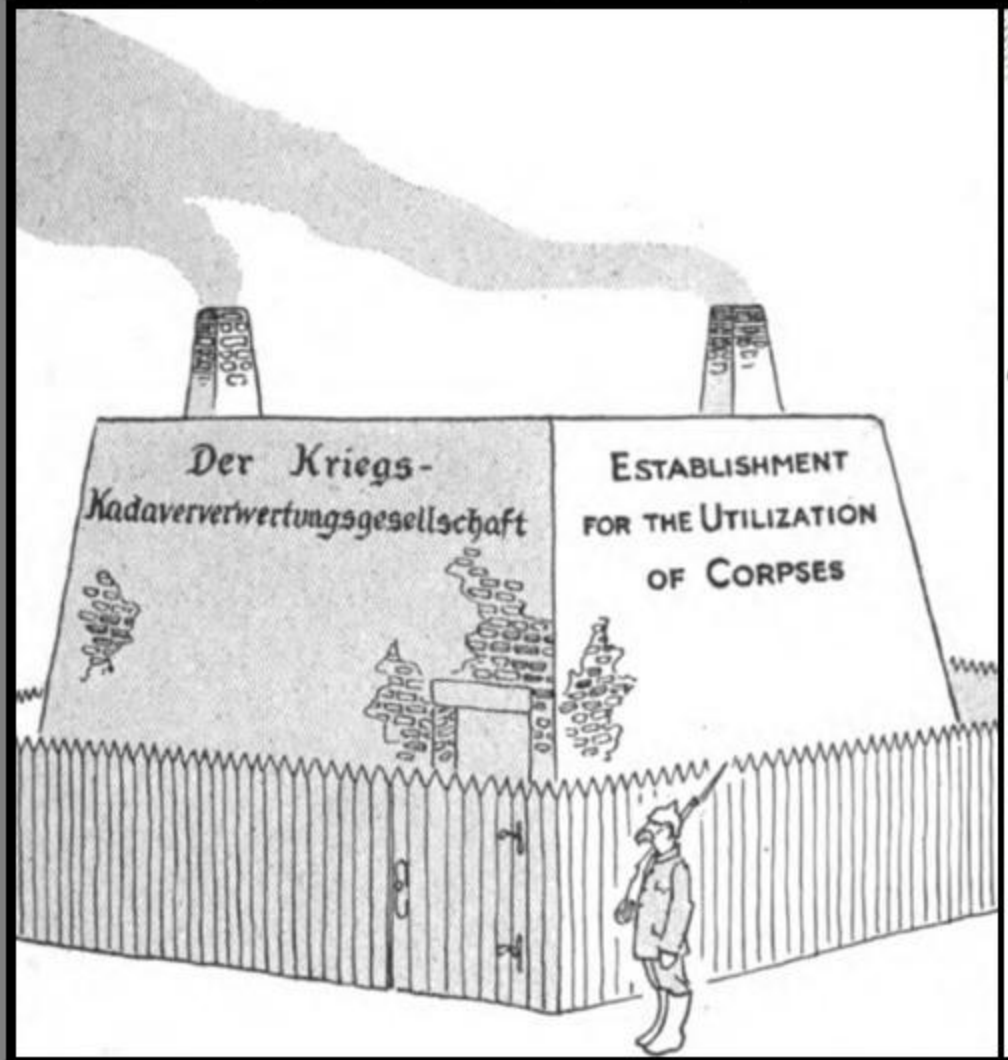

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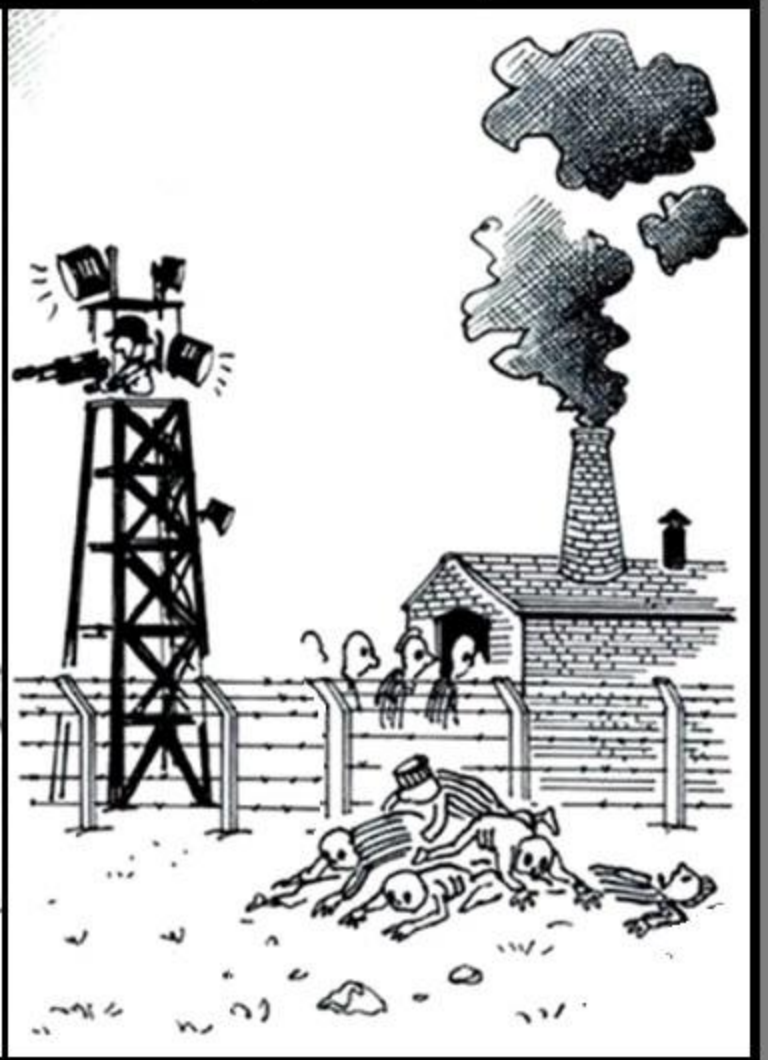

Die Grube von Grasnybor bei Smolensk, wo auf dem Gelände des GPU.-Erholungsheimes Kosegory die Leichen von rund 12 000 ermordeten polnischen Offizieren gefunden wurden

The burial pit of Krasny Bor (Katyn) near Smolensk, where the corpses of around 12,000 murdered Polish officers were found on the territory of the GPU-owned Kosegory sanatorium

Brüsseler Zeitung (Brussel, Belgium), April 15, 1943

On February 29, 1944 the British Ministry of Information sent the following note to the higher British clergy and to the BBC.

Sir,

I am directed by the Ministry to send you the following circular letter:

It is often the duty of the good citizens and of the pious Christians to turn a blind eye on the peculiarities of those associated with us.

But the time comes when such peculiarities, while still denied in public, must be taken into account when action by us is called for.

We know the methods of rule employed by the Bolshevik dictator in Russia itself from, for example, the writing and speeches of the Prime Minister himself during the last twenty years. We know how the Red Army behaved in Poland in 1920 and in Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Galicia, and Bessarabia only recently.

We must, therefore, take into account how the Red Army will certainly behave when it overruns Central Europe. Unless precautions are taken, the obviously inevitable horrors which will result will throw an undue strain on public opinion in this country.

We cannot reform the Bolsheviks but we can do our best to save them —and ourselves—from the consequences of their acts. The disclosures of the past quarter of a century will render mere denials unconvincing. The only alternative to denial is to distract public attention from the whole subject.

Experience has shown that the best distraction is atrocity propaganda directed against the enemy. Unfortunately the public is no longer so susceptible as in the days of the "Corpse Factory," the "Mutilated Belgian Babies," and the "Crucified Canadians."

Your cooperation is therefore earnestly sought to distract public attention from the doings of the Red Army by your wholehearted support of various charges against the Germans and Japanese which have been and will be put into circulation by the Ministry.

Your expression of belief in such may convince others.

"Allied Wartime Diplomacy" (1958), by Edward J. Rozek, pp. 209-210

ALLIED PROPAGANDISTS DISTRACTING PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE "PECULIARITIES" OF THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALLIES...

NAZI "DEATH FACTORY"

British Official Wireless.

LONDON, March 21: The notorious concentration camp at Oswiecim, in Poland, has become the Germans' largest "death factory," according to Polish authorities in London. Three crematoria capable of dealing with 10,000 bodies, have been erected within the camp bounds.

Sixty thousand Jews from Greece, chiefly from Athens and Salonika, were taken to Oswicim, 50,000 from Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia, and 60,000 from Holland, Belgium, and France.

Only a small fraction have survived.

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Australia), March 22, 1944, p. 1

(Oswiecim = Auschwitz)

NAZIS MURDER MILLIONS OF JEWISH PEOPLE

LONDON, Sunday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a B.B.C. broadcast made an appeal to Hungarian Christians to assist in the saving of Jews, even at the risk of personal sacrifice.

Information has been received that of the two million Jews murdered in three Nazi camps in Poland since 1939, 400,000 were deported from Hungary.

According to a Polish delegate, the Germans on May 5 sent from Hungary 62 railway carriages loaded with Jewish children, and every day since then for a considerable period, six trains left with Jewish adults.

The majority were killed in the infamous concentration camp at Oswiecim, where the Germans in 1942 erected gas chambers enabling them to kill 6000 daily.

Many prominent Poles and thousands of Jews were put to death there, but when the Germans in the second half of 1942 started the extermination of Polish Jewry in earnest, Oswiecim's gas chambers could not cope with all the victims.

Two more death camps at Treblinka and Rawa Ruska, near Lwow, were erected.

The Canberra Times (Australia), July 10, 1944, p. 1

The Holocaust
PLAGIARISM

SAYS SIX MILLION JEWS FACE DOOM

New York, June 25.—(AP)—Dr. Nahum Goldmann, administrative committee chairman of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday that, if the nazis should achieve final victory, "6,000,000 Jews in Europe are doomed to destruction."

He called upon United States Jewry to take leadership in mobilizing Jews in North and South America for an organized defense program.

Joplin News Herald (Joplin, MO), Tuesday, June 25, 1940, p. 3

6,000,000 JEWS DEAD, RESULT OF THE WAR

Boston, Dec. 3 —(AP)— The war losses of world Jewish, including those killed in action, now total more than 6,000,000, Dr Nahum Goldman told members of the executive committee of the New England division of the American Jewish congress today.

Peter W. Leavitt, president of the New England division, said that this figure is equal to one-third of the prewar Jewish population of the world.

Springfield Republican (Springfield, MA), Monday, December 4, 1944, p. 2

There are very near to six million Jews involved
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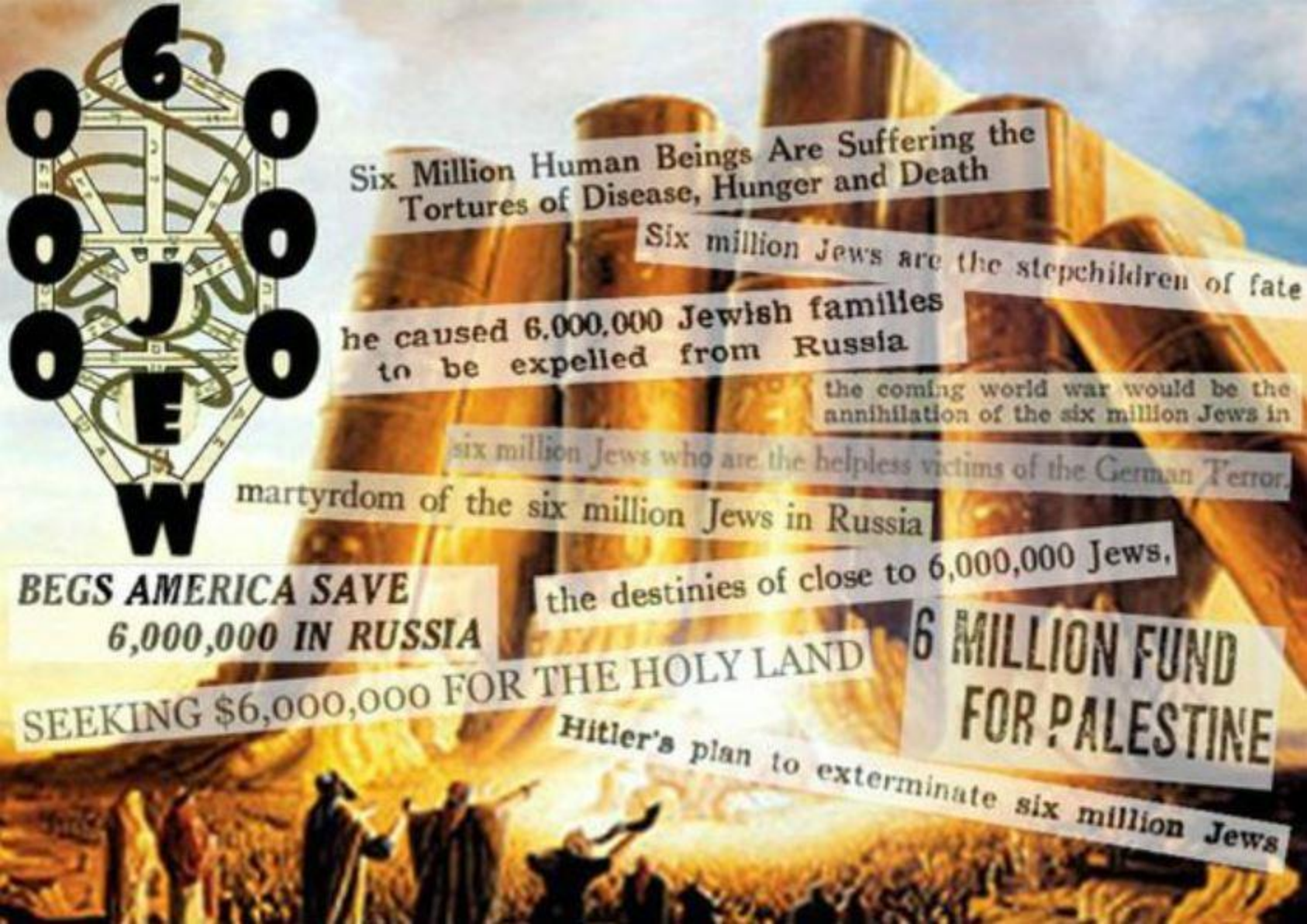
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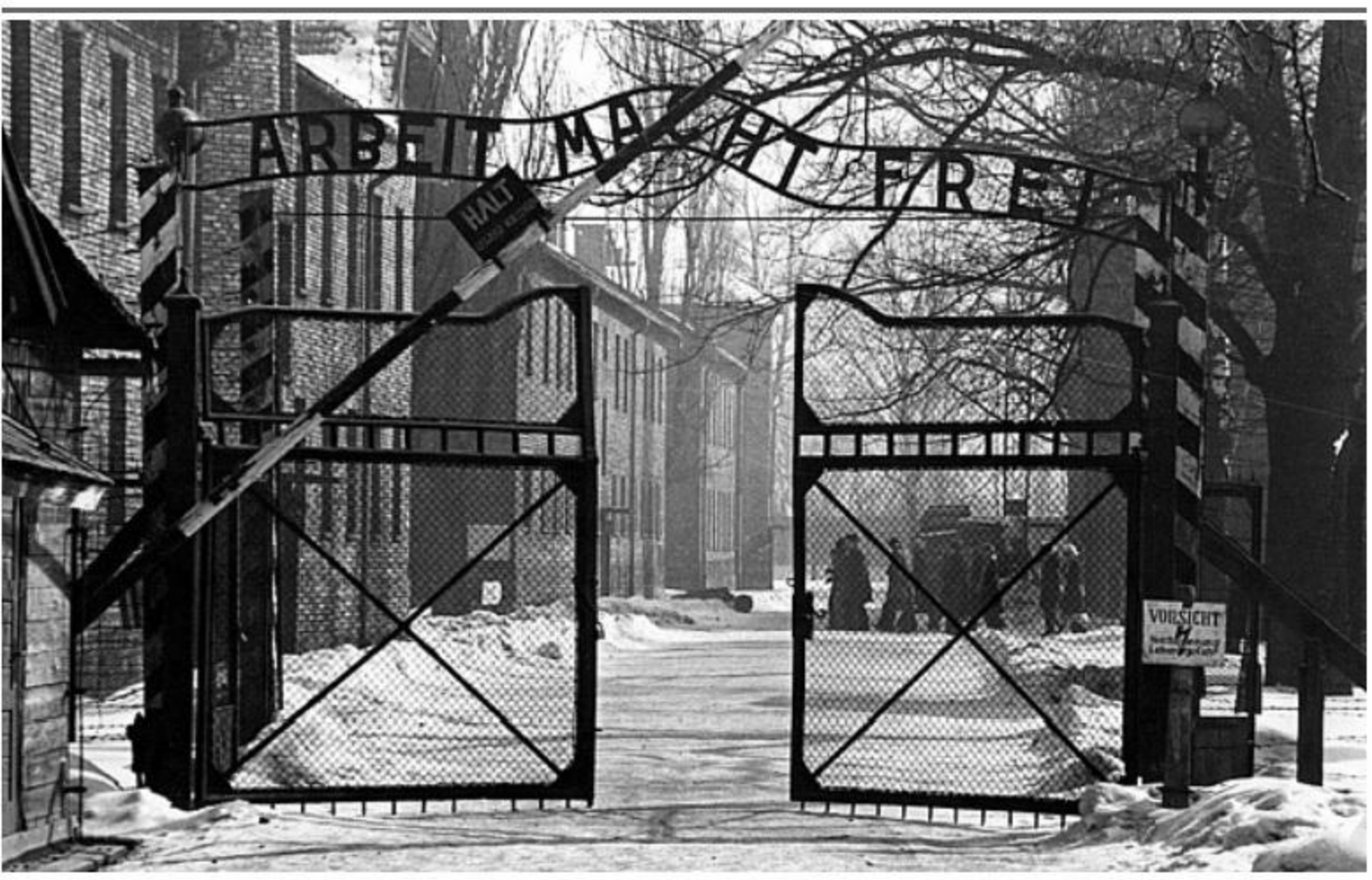
Hitler's plan to exterminate six million Jews

The German biological or demographic problem is a particularly serious and important chapter, important also for the whole of Europe. In this context I must first of all speak of the problem of expulsion. According to American figures a total of 13.3 million Germans were expelled from the Eastern parts of Germany, from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and so on. 7.3 million arrived in the Eastern zone and the three Western zones, most of these in the latter. Six million Germans have vanished from the earth. They are dead, gone. Most of the 7.3 million who stayed alive are women, children, and old people. A large proportion of able-bodied men and women were deported to Soviet Russia to do forced labour. The expulsion of these 13 to 14 million from their homes, partly from regions inhabited for centuries by their forebears, has entailed untold misery. Atrocities

Memoirs, 1945-1953 (1966), by Konrad Adenauer, p. 148

Holocaust Memorial Day: Telegraph revealed Nazi gas chambers three years before liberation of Auschwitz

The Telegraph disclosed the existence of Nazi gas chambers and the "mass killing" of Jews almost three years before the liberation of Auschwitz on Jan 27, 1945



The gates of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland Photo: Keystone/GettyImages

By David Blair
8:52PM GMT 26 Jan 2015

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It was under the headline "Germans murder 700,000 Jews in Poland", that this newspaper reported the "greatest massacre in the world's history" on June 25, 1942.

The story was remarkably detailed and accurate, yet the credit belongs neither to this newspaper nor the anonymous "Daily Telegraph reporter" who was the author. All the facts were supplied by Szmul Zygielbojm, a member of the Polish government in exile who made it his mission to inform the world about the Holocaust.

After arriving in London in 1942, Zygielbojm used a clandestine network of contacts across occupied Poland to gather eyewitness accounts of the fate of Jews. The particular information in The Daily Telegraph's story was smuggled to London on microfilm hidden inside a key.

The newspaper was able to report that gas chambers were being used for industrialised murder from November 1941 onwards – and "an average 1,000 Jews were gassed daily". The story methodically lists the death toll from massacres in seven different towns and cities.

"In many places Jews were deported to 'unknown destinations' and killed in neighbouring woods," reads the story. "In Vilna 50,000 Jews were murdered in November. The total number slaughtered in this district and around Lithuanian Kovno is 300,000."

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Post-war investigation established that hundreds of thousands of Jews were killed in mass shootings in Nazi-occupied areas of the former Soviet Union – just as this story made clear. "In Rovne the murders began early in November. In three days and nights nearly 15,000 men, women and children were shot," reads the report.

In the pages of The Daily Telegraph, Zygielbojm succeeded in revealing the mass murder of Jews. But he was dismayed by the lack of public reaction.

As early as August 1941, Winston Churchill had denounced the atrocities against the Jews as a "crime without a name". Yet Zygielbojm detected no wave of revulsion sufficient for the Allies to take special steps to obstruct the Holocaust.

The Telegraph chose to report the "greatest massacre in the world's history" on page five of a six-page newspaper.

Zygielbojm's informants were taking immense risks and their reports were meticulously accurate, yet he often encountered indifference, disbelief or even suspicion.

When The Telegraph's story appeared, Zygielbojm's wife, Manya, and their son, Tuvia, were still living in occupied Poland as prisoners in the Warsaw Ghetto. Both died during the razing of the Ghetto in 1943.

Crushed by this tragedy - and by the weight of indifference towards the fate of the Jews - Zygielbojm took his own life on May 11, 1943.

"The responsibility for the crime of the murder of the whole Jewish nationality in Poland rests first of all on those who are carrying it out," he wrote. "But indirectly it falls also upon the whole of humanity, on the peoples of the Allied nations and on their governments, who up to this day have not taken any real steps to halt this crime. By looking on passively upon this murder of defenceless millions tortured children, women and men they have become partners to the responsibility."

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It was the avowed intention of the Germans from the early days of the war to exterminate the Jewish population on Polish territory.

In a 1940 New Year message Gauleiter Greiser said that the only use to be made of the Poles was as slaves for Germany, but for the Jews there was no future.

This extermination policy began in 1941 in Eastern Galicia, and everywhere the procedure has been the same.

Men and boys between 14 and 60 have been driven together into one place, usually a public square or a cemetery, and there killed, either by rifle, machine-guns or grenades. They had to dig their own graves beforehand.

HOSPITAL VICTIMS

Children in orphanages, pensioners in almshouses and the sick in hospitals have been shot. Women have been killed in the streets. In many places Jews were deported to "unknown destinations" and killed in neighbouring woods.

In Vilna 50,000 Jews were murdered in November. The total number slaughtered in this district and around Lithuanian Kovno is 300,000.

Practically all the Jews in Zyrovice, Lachovice, Mira, Kosov and other similar towns have been killed. In Rovne the murders began early in November. In three days and nights nearly 15,000 men, women and children were shot. Total deaths in other places have been:

Lvov, 30,000	Tarnopol, 5,000
Stanislavov, 15,000	Brzezany, 4,000
Kamin, 9,000	Zlochov, 2,000
Kossobose, 6,000	

SLAUGHTER BY GAS

In November the slaughter of Jews by gas in the Polish territories incorporated in the Reich also began.

A special van fitted as a gas chamber was used into which were crowded 90 victims at a time. The bodies were buried in special graves dug in the Lubardski Forest.

On an average 1,000 Jews were gassed daily. In Chelmno from November last to March 5,000 from four towns, together with 35,000 from the Lodz ghetto, and a number of gypsies, were murdered in this way.

In February the extermination of Jews started in the so-called General Government, the eastern part of Poland, not incorporated in the Reich. The Gestapo paid daily visits to the Jewish quarters and killed people systematically in the streets and houses.

In March 25,000 Jews were deported from Lublin in sealed wagons to an "unknown destination." All trace of them has been lost. About 3,000 more were put into barracks in a Lublin suburb. Now there is not a single Jew there.

In Cracow during March 50 men on a proscribed list were shot outside their homes. A similar number of men and women were killed outside their street doors during an arranged night of terror in the Warsaw ghetto. All social groups in the ghetto were affected. More such nights are expected.

The Warsaw ghetto, actually an extensive concentration camp, houses 600,000 Jews on an average of 19 to a room. Before the war, when the district had twice as many houses, the total population was 130,000.

All children under five and all adults over 50 are refused medical supplies. This means that only a minimum of aid reaches the inside of the barrier to allay the ravages of typhus and typhoid.

According to statistics issued in Poland by the German authorities the number of funerals from the Warsaw ghetto rose from 900 in January, 1941, to 5,620 in August.

Statistics available from secret sources in Poland show that during the whole year there were no fewer than 76,000 funerals. A large proportion of the deaths were due to starvation.

In the three years 1939-1941 the number of deaths in Warsaw alone rose from 7,696 to 42,239. The Jewish population of the ghetto had risen in that time from 375,000 to 407,000 through the influx of Jews deported from other provinces and countries.

I understand that the Polish Government intends to make the facts in this report known to the British and Allied Governments.

100 AIRFIELDS IN 3 MONTHS

AUSTRALIA'S FEAT

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Brig.-Gen. Hugh J. Casey, Engineer Officer at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, revealed to-day that at least 100 aerodromes had been built for the Allied Air Forces in Australia in the past three months.

"Requirements of Australia's huge construction programme," he added, "include improvement to port facilities, depots for reserve supplies, more roads and railway sidings. Because of lack of labour, plant and material, it is necessary to confine works to bare essentials."

Major-Gen. G. H. Brett, C.-in-C. Allied Air Forces in Australia, writing in the Melbourne Herald to-day, says: "We have been promised a flood of aircraft from Britain, the United States and Canada—already it is assuming massive proportions."—Reuter.

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In World War Two

Going underground

The Royal Family's war years

Britain celebrates VE Day

VE Day remembered

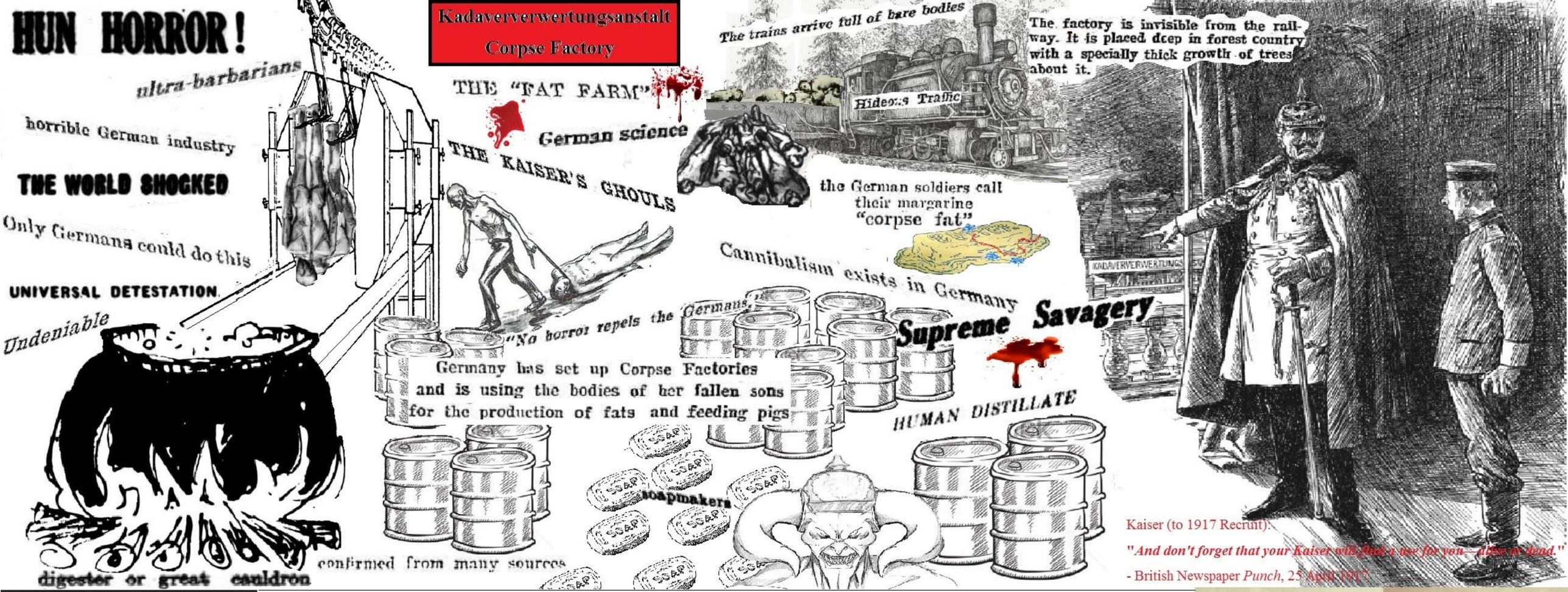
The UK's biggest purpose built air raid shelter

Dresden: Then and now

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-two/11370972/Holocaust-Memorial-Day-Telegraph-revealed-Nazi-gas-chambers-three-years-before-liberation-of-Auschwitz.html

"Waw!!! This is very impressive, mein Kaiser!"

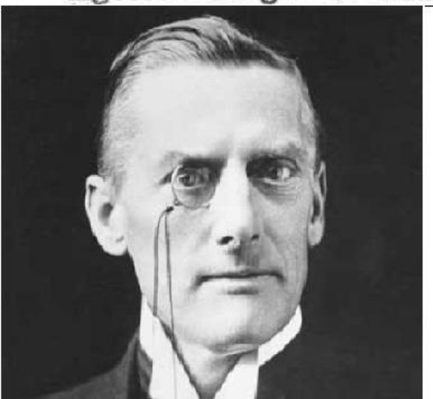
"This is nothing, Korporal Hitler! Someday, enemy propagandists will make my Corpse Factories look like petty toys when compared to YOUR Death Factories!!!"



Kaiser (to 1917 Recruit):

"And don't forget that your Kaiser will find a use for you—alive or dead."

- British Newspaper *Punch*, 25 April 1917



"The Chancellor of the German Reich has authorized me to say, on the authority of the German Government, that there was never any foundation for it. I need scarcely add that on behalf of its Majesty's Government I accept this denial, and I trust that this false report will not again be revived."

- British Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain about the British war lie that the Germans had made human soap in "corpse factories" during the First World War, December 2, 1925.

"How we laughed at his cleverness when he told us how his department had launched the account of the German corpse factories and of how the Hun was using the myriads of trench-war casualties for making soap and margarine. He explained that he had originally thought up the idea himself to discredit the enemy among the populations of Oriental countries, hoping to play upon the respect for the dead that goes with ancestor-worship. To the surprise of the authorities it had caught on, and they were now making propaganda out of it everywhere. The tears ran down his cheeks as he told us the story they had circulated of a consignment of soap from Germany arriving in Holland and being buried with full military honours. But even for us, the taste of some of his tales began to grow sour after he became a Black and Tan.'"

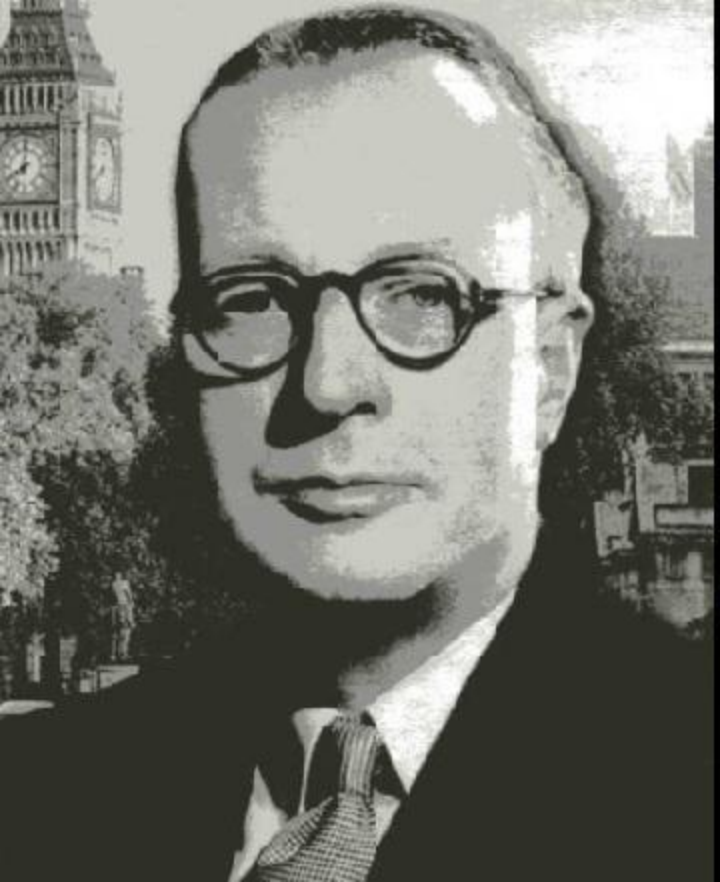
- *The youngest son: autobiographical sketches* (1970), by Ivor Goldsmid Samuel Montagu, p. 31

Jewish filmaker Ivor Montagu recalling the role of his cousin, Major Hugh Pollard, in the invention and dissemination of the Corpse-Factory propaganda lie for the MI7 (a British military intelligence branch that specialised in anti-German propaganda in neutral countries from 1916 to 1918) during the First World War.

Elie Wiesel at the Sighet 'soap monument' (Romania),
where Nazi soap was buried according to traditional Judaic ritual.

"A number of fantasies
of the first World War,
such as the 'corpse factory,'
were realized by the combatants
of the second World War."

- *Authority and Delinquency of the Modern State* (1950),
by Alex Comfort, p. 40



"I think that we weaken our case against the Germans by publicly giving credence to atrocity stories for which we have no evidence. These mass executions in gas chambers remind me of the story of employment of human corpses during the last war for the manufacture of fat, which was a grotesque lie."

Victor Cavendish-Bentinck, chairman of the British Joint Intelligence Committee, August 27, 1943

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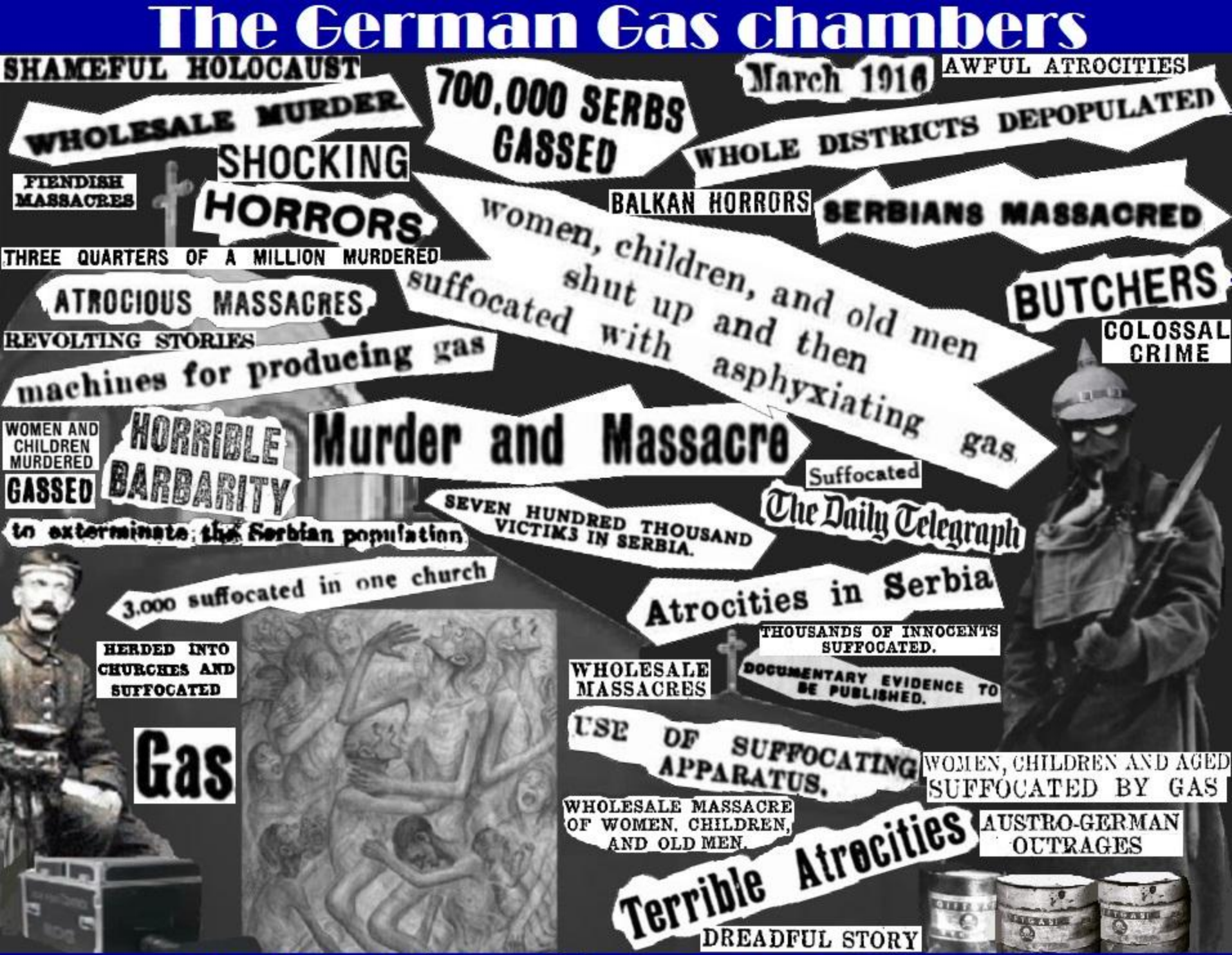
"The parallel between this story and the 'corpse factory' atrocity tale of the First World War is too striking to be overlooked."

- Charles Clayton Morrison, "Biggest Atrocity Story Breaks in Poland," *The Christian Century*, September 13, 1944, p. 1045

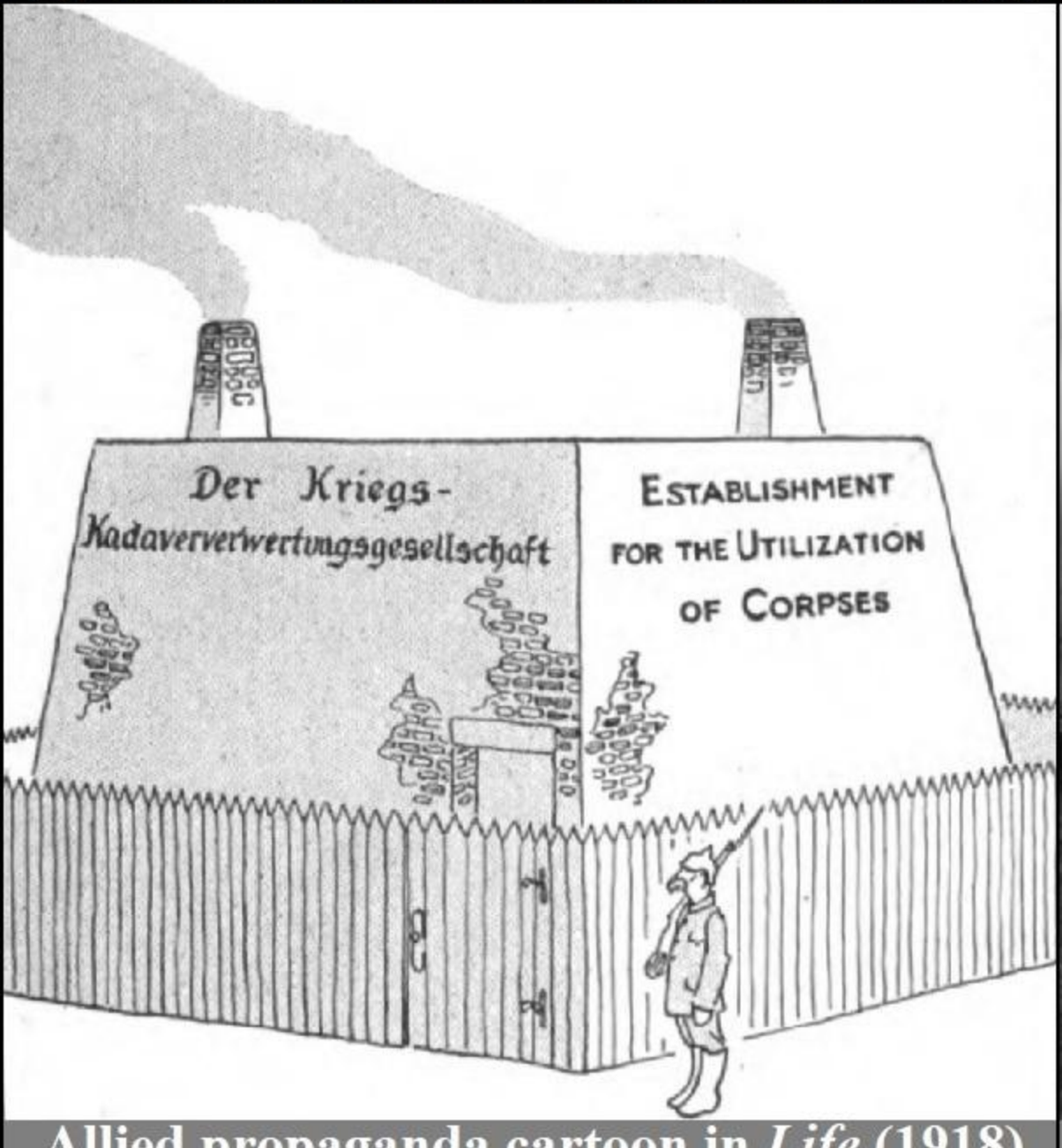
(expressing skepticism about "*the alleged killing of a million and a half persons*" at the Majdanek concentration camp)

The German Gas chambers



WW1 Atrocity Propaganda

CORPSE-FACTORY HOAX
(WWI ATROCITY PROPAGANDA)



Allied propaganda cartoon in *Life* (1918)

HOLOCAUST HOAX
(WWII ATROCITY PROPAGANDA)

Soviet propaganda movie *Fate of a Man* (1959)

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'Fake News' is nothing new and false stories were widely spread by propagandists during World War I. **DAVID CLARKE** investigates a gruesome rumour of factories for converting human corpses into fat and oil that has been called the "most appalling atrocity story" of the 1914-18 conflict.